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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF UNESCO 97TH EXECUTIVE  
BOARD MEETING, APRIL 22 - 30, 1975

REF: WARVARIV TO GALANTO LETTER OF FEB. 28, 1975

SUMMARY: IN VIEW OF ITS NEW COMPOSITION, THIS SPRING MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, WHOSE TASK IS TO ASSIST EXECUTIVE BOARD IN STUDYING MORE COMPLEX TECHNICAL SUBJECTS CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION'S WORKING METHODS, PROGRAM AND PROCEDURE, IS EXPECTED TO BE LESS SMOOTH THAN BEFORE. USDEL WILL BE SUBMITTING ITS REPORT ON "UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN," ONE OF THE SIX TOPICS PREVIOUSLY SELECTED FOR STUDY IN DEPTH AT FORTHCOMING SPEC. COMMITTEE AND EXBD SESSIONS. RAPPORTEURS' REPORTS ON OTHER FIVE TOPICS, LISTED BELOW, NOT YET AVAILABLE AND EXPECTED TO BE LATE,  
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WHICH ADDS TO ANTICIPATED BURDEN. FOLLOWING IS USDEL'S

ANALYSIS OF MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS, NUMBERS OF WHICH ARE THE SAME AS NUMBERS OF THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS ON THE 97 EXBD AGENDA. BOTH PROVISIONAL AGENDAS WERE AIR-POUCHED TO IO/UNESCO ON MARCH 20. END OF SUMMARY.

1. ITEM 3.1.1 - REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ITS IN-DEPTH STUDY OF TOPICS WHICH IT HAS TO CONSIDER, TAKING AS ITS BASIS ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATION IN 1974 (PRINTED REPORT FOR 1974) AND RESULTS OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S STUDY ON FORM OF HIS BIENNIAL REPORT.

(I) IN ADDITION TO US RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT, REFERRED TO ABOVE, WHICH WAS PREPARED BY USPERMDEL AND CLEARED WITH WASHINGTON, OTHER FIVE REPORTS, BEING PREPARED BY OTHER EXBD MEMBERS, COVER FOLLOWING TOPICS:

(II) "EDUCATION REFORM AND SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE," BY PROF. PHILP (AUSTRALIA). ALTHOUGH THIS TOPIC SEEMS TO BE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED, REPORT IS NOT EXPECTED TO RAISE ANY SERIOUS PROBLEM. NO GUIDANCE REQUESTED AT THIS TIME.

(III) "MARINE SCIENCES," BY AMB. VAN USSEL (BELGIUM) AND DR. MURAYWID (SYRIA). AS FAR AS WE KNOW THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE REPORT SUBMITTED BY VAN USSEL WHICH IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE CONTROVERSIAL. IT WILL STRESS THE NEED FOR BETTER COORDINATION BETWEEN UNESCO'S DIVISION OF MARINE SCIENCES AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC) AND CALL FOR MORE OBJECTIVE MINDED PROGRAM WITH EMPHASIS ON BETTER POLICY PLANNING. IT WILL ALSO PROPOSE THAT IOC BE MORE OF DATA BANK FOR POLLUTION RESEARCH AND MARINE RESEARCH AS SUCH AND SHOULD ADMINISTER THE COMMON HERITAGE OF OCEANS.

WE BELIEVE ABOVE POINTS ARE IN LINE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF 1972 STOCKHOLM UN CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT, WHICH GAVE SPECIFIC MANDATE TO IOC, AND MORE RECENT CARACAS CONFERENCE. STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING STRUCTURE, RATHER THAN ESTABLISHING NEW AGENCIES IN THIS FIELD, AND BETTER PLANNING BY OBJECTIVES IS RECOMMENDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS KEY ELEMENTS FOR US POSITION ON SUBJECT REPORT WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL 11TH. DEPT'S GUIDANCE REQUESTED.

(IV) "ROLE OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM AS A WHOLE," BY PROF. CARNEIRO (BRAZIL), WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DR. TODOROV (BULGARIA), DR. AGBLEMAGNON (TOGO), PROF. KI-ZERBO (UPPER VOLTA), AND

DR. MURAYWID (SYRIA). SELECTION OF THIS TOPIC ELICITED GREAT INTEREST ON PART OF MANY EXBD MEMBERS WHICH IS REFLECTED FROM LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS. IN THE PAST, US HAS ALSO BEEN KEENLY INTERESTED IN SUBJECT MATTER AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION OF REPORT WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, WILL ONLY BE

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AVAILABLE APRIL 14. PENDING ITS RECEIPT, WE SUGGEST THAT DEPT., IN CONSULTATION WITH DIVISIONS OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES OF NAS AND NSF, EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF RECOMMENDING TO UNESCO THAT IN FORTHCOMING RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECRETARIAT (ITEM 8.8 OF 97TH EXBD AGENDA), DEPT. OF SOCIAL SCIENCES BE CLOSELY LINKED WITH DEPT. OF NATURAL SCIENCES, THUS FOSTERING IDEA OF CONVERGENCE OF TWO SCIENCES. DEPT'S REACTION AND GUIDANCE REQUESTED ASAP IN ORDER TO COORDINATE POSITIONS WITH OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

(V) "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLICATIONS PLAN,"  
BY MARTIN (UK), WITH CONTRIBUTION OF DR. KUTAKOV (USSR).  
ACCORDING TO UK PERMDEL HERE, THIS REPORT WILL GENERALLY  
GIVE SECRETARIAT FAIRLY GOOD MARKS AND POINT OUT DIFFI-  
CULTY IN DOING IN-DEPTH STUDY OF SUBJECT TOPIC AT THIS  
POINT OF TRANSITION. IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE NUMBER OF  
RECOMMENDATIONS, E.G. THAT (A) DETAILS OF PUBLICATION  
FUND BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE C/5 DOCUMENT; (B) MORE  
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EVALUATION OF PUBLICATIONS, ESPECIALLY FREE EDITIONS,  
BE UNDERTAKEN AS TO THEIR GENERAL UTILITY TO MEMBER  
STATES AND PERMDELEGATIONS; (C) MORE ASSISTANCE BE RE-  
QUESTED FROM NATIONAL COMMISSIONS IN HELPING TO  
IDENTIFY AUTHORS, ETC. KUTAKOV'S CONTRIBUTION IS EX-  
PECTED TO BE FOCUSING ON SOVIET PAST COMPLAINTS THAT NOT  
ENOUGH AUTHORS OF UNESCO PUBLICATIONS ARE FROM  
EE COUNTRIES. IT WILL STRESS THE NEED FOR GREATER  
GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY FOR SELECTION OF AUTHORS FOR  
SUCH PUBLICATIONS. DEPT'S COMMENTS WOULD BE WELCOMED.

(VI) "STAFF SELECTION, TRAINING, PARTICIPATION AND  
EVALUATION," BY DR. ALDABA-LIM (PHILIPPINES) AND AMB.  
MESSADI (TUNISIA). WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS REPORT IS  
ACTUALLY BEING PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT AND WILL BE  
AVAILABLE APRIL 14. IT WILL BE MORE INFORMATION DOCU-  
MENT RATHER THAN IN DEPTH STUDY. IF DEPT. WISHES TO  
RAISE SOME POINTS, OR MAKE COMMENTS ON SUBJECT MATTER,  
PLEASE ADVISE.

2. ITEM 3.2.L - IN-DEPTH STUDY OF METHODS OF WORK OF  
GENERAL CONFERENCE AND REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
THEREON.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF THIS IM-  
PORTANT QUESTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 94 EX/DECISION 3.2.  
DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE WITH SPECIFIC RECOM-  
MENDATIONS AT SEPT. 1975 EXBD SESSION. DOCUMENT WILL  
INCLUDE SUBMISSION FROM ALL FORMER GENERAL CONFERENCE  
PRESIDENTS, STILL ALIVE, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL 14.  
EXPERIENCE OF LAST GEN. CONF. PROVIDES SOME GOOD TALK-  
ING POINTS ON URGENT NEED TO IMPROVE THE METHODS OF  
WORK OF GEN CONF. AND WE INTEND TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS  
ON SUBJECT MATTER. DEPT'S VIEWS WOULD BE WELCOMED.

3. ITEM 3.2.2 - REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE: ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF A DIRECTORY OF DECISIONS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE  
AND CHANGES WHICH THIS WOULD ENTAIL WITH RESPECT TO CON-  
TENT AND FORM OF ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM DOCUMENTS AND  
THE ROLE PLAYED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD IN THEIR DRAFTING.

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THIS ITEM STEMS FROM CANADIAN INITIATIVE AT 94 EXBD SESSION WHICH IS SELF-EXPLANATORY. THE DOCUMENT, TO BE AVAILABLE IN APRIL, WILL PROPOSE THAT (A) REPERTORY OF ALL EXBD DECISIONS AND COMPLETE LIST OF ALL GENCONF RESOLUTIONS BE PUBLISHED, WITHOUT ANNOTATIONS, AND (B) CUMULATIVE VOLUME OF EXBD DECISIONS BE PRINTED EVERY SIX YEARS. NO PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED.

4. ITEM 3.3.L - REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE: STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING GREATER USE OF THE SERVICES OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS SPONSORED BY UNESCO IN THE WORK OF PREPARING THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM.

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NO CONCLUSION WAS REACHED DURING DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM AT 94 EXBD AS TO WHETHER "INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS SPONSORED BY UNESCO" MEANS SUCH CATEGORY "A" NGO'S AS ISSC, ICSU, ETC. OR INTERNATIONAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCILS SUCH AS ON MAB, IHP, IOC, ETC. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SUCH STUDY SHOULD INCLUDE BOTH ABOVE MENTIONED GROUPS. BOTH CAN MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION IN PREPARATION OF UNESCO PROGRAM. DEPT'S VIEWS WOULD BE WELCOMED.

5. ITEM 3.4.1 - STUDY OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH COULD BE REQUESTED FROM PERMANENT DELEGATES WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THE BOARD IN EXECUTION OF ITS DUTIES: REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

BACKGROUND FOR THIS ITEM IS PROVIDED IN DOCUMENT 94 EX/2 WHICH WILL BE THE ONLY DOC. BEFORE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. DG WILL MAKE ORAL REPORT ON HIS EFFORTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THUS FAR TO KEEP PERMANENT DELEGATIONS INFORMED AND TO SEEK THEIR COLLABORATION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT STRESS WILL BE MADE ON DISTINCTION BETWEEN EXBD, AS THE SOLE INTERPRETER OF THE WISHES OF GEN. CONF. AND PERMDELS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THEIR GOVTS. COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PRESENTS NO PROBLEMS WHERE PERMDEL IS ALSO AN ELECTED MEMBER OF EXBD. PRESENT WELL-BALANCED ARRANGEMENTS WHICH PROVIDE FOR SEEKING ADVICE OF PERMDELS OF ALL MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING THOSE NOT ON EXBD, WILL BE PROTECTED. DEPT'S VIEWS, INCLUDING PRACTICES AND EXPERIENCES AT UN AND OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

6. ITEM 5.L - MODALITIES OF APPLICATION OF GENERAL POLICY DIRECTIVES GIVEN BY THE 18TH GEN CONF REGARDING A SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR 1977-1982 AND OF PRELIMINARY POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 19 C/5 DOCUMENT AND REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE THEREON.

EVEN THOUGH THE 96 EXBD REQUESTED THE SPEC COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE, FOR STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION TO 97 EXBD, AN EXAMINATION OF PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING 18 C/RESOLUTION 10.1, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE MUCH PROGRESS ON THIS COMPLEX ISSUE, I.E. SETTING UP POSSIBLE WAYS OF APPROACHING LONG-TERM PLANNING (C/4) AND INTERPRETING IT WITH IMMEDIATE PROGRAM (C/5). PREPARATION OF

WORKING DOCUMENT BY SECRETARIAT, WHICH ESSENTIAL FOR ANY USEFUL DISCUSSION ON THIS HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL, IS FAR BEHIND SCHEDULE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE MID-APRIL. WE UNDERSTAND DG HAS ESTABLISHED ON MARCH 14 A WORKING GROUP WHOSE TASK IS TO EXPERIMENT WITH CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL ELEMENTS TO BE PRESENTED TO 97 EXBD WITH A VIEW OF TESTING THEIR APPLICABILITY AND FEASIBILITY. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT DG IS DEEPLY AND NEGATIVELY IMPRESSED WITH HIS PREDECESSOR ON MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THIS ISSUE WHERE "THE MEMBER STATES PROPOSE AND THE SECRETARIAT DISPOSES." HE DOES NOT WANT TO MANIPULATE EXBD BY PRESENTING HIS PREFERENCES, BUT INTENDS TO LEAVE THE ENTIRE QUESTION COMPLETELY OPEN. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENVISIONED SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS WITH EXBD MEMBER STATES AND AFFILIATED NGO'S RANGE FROM QUESTIONNAIRES, LIKE THE ONE JUST SENT TO DEPT. ON 19 C/4, TO DIRECT CONSULTATIONS VIA VISITING COUNTRIES AND CONSULTATIONS WITH PERMDEL. THESE ARE LIKELY TO PROVE CUMBERSOME AND AT TIMES CONTRADICTORY BUT INEVITABLE GIVEN DEAD-SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO THE CENTRAL CONCEPT OF "PARTICIPATORY PLANNING" BY THE NEW REGIME HERE.

US PERMDEL WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S AND US MISSION GENEVA VIEWS ON ABOVE, INCLUDING RELATION OF THIS ITEM TO INSPECTOR BERTRAND'S REPORT ON MEDIUM-TERM PLANNING IN THE UN SYSTEM, AND USG VIEWS THEREON.

7. PERMDEL WILL CONTINUE KEEP DEPT. INFORMED ON FURTHER PREPARATION INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION FOR SUBJECT MEETING. OUR ANALYSIS OF 97 EXBD AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATION FOR DEPT'S CONSIDERATION WILL FOLLOW. RUSH

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